

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 257 without my signature.

This bill would require every state agency and department, including local offices, when notified by a female employee that she is nearing maternity leave, to notify the employee of information regarding lactation accommodation on the Internet Web site of the Department of Public Health.

While I appreciate the author's intent, I believe that this bill is unnecessary. Current law already requires that accommodation be made for lactating employees. I do not believe it has been adequately demonstrated that employees are unaware of their options.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger